Perspectives and strategies to diversify awardees: Lessons from the Clinical Scientist Development Award

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Clinical Scientist Development Award

1. Launches physician scientist careers

2. Observed disparities in success rate by gender inspired evaluation of outcomes by race and ethnicity

Escobar-Alvarez SN & Myers ER (2013), *Academic Medicine*
Changes that improved diversity of applicant pool and awardees

1. Stating Foundation’s diversity, equity, and inclusion values in RFA, application forms, and communications

2. Outreach to affinity groups and societies

3. Informational webinar and recording open to all

4. Adopt practices to raise applicant awareness about review criteria
   • Provide review criteria to applicants as shared with reviewers
   • Be transparent about review criteria, whether administrative or part of the review rubric, that might result in disqualification

5. Raise institutional awareness about the importance of mentorship and support in preparation of the application
   • Request information from mentor and department chair regarding resources provided to applicants in URiM groups
   • Request confirmation from mentor and department chair that the application was reviewed prior to submission
   • Request information from mentors regarding their track record of mentoring individuals from URiM groups

6. Use a competitive range in decisions of applications to review rather than a hard cutoff
• Consider interventions targeting processes within your direct control

• Collection and continuous evaluation of demographic data informs where and how interventions can be targeted

Thank you! Questions?

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